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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the enclosed above-titled International patent application as follows.

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 9, 10, 13, 15, 20, and 22 as follows.

9. A recombinant polynucleotide encoding or complementary to a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide, for example a fusion polypeptide, according to Claim 1.